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RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY CERTIFICATION

Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative files this certification statement pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order, CC Docket 96-45, released May 8, 1997. In Section VII, Paragraph 310 of the Order, the FCC stated that a carrier "must notify the Commission and its state commission that, for purposes of universal service support determinations, it meets the Section 3(37) definition of a rural carrier." Section 3(37) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act (the "Act") defines a "rural telephone company."

Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative hereby certifies that:

1. Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative is a "rural telephone company" as defined in the Act, 47 U.S.C. 153(37). Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative satisfies alternative definition (37) (B), fewer than 50,000 access lines, as detailed in paragraph 2.

2. Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative provides telephone exchange service including exchange access in the following exchange areas in North Dakota:

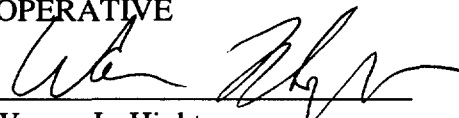
<u>Total Access Lines</u>	<u>Exchange Prefix/Name</u>
12,167	267 Antler
	453 Berthold
	626 Butte
	468 Carpio
	728 Deering
	725 Des Lacs
	482 Donnybrook
	362 Glenburn
	525 Karlsruhe
	295 Landa
	784 Landsford
	693 Martin
	268 Maxbass
	263 Metigoshe
	727 Minot AFB
	756 Mohall
	272 Newburg
	624 Sawyer
	459 Sherwood
	722 South Prairie
	386 Tolley
	537 Towner
	768 Upham
	245 Westhope

The numbers of access lines as listed are taken from the most reliable and recent compilation, the North Dakota Telephone Association 1998-99 Directory of North Dakota Telephone Companies. In the ordinary course of business the numbers of access lines are subject to change. Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative does not provide service to 50,000 or more access lines.

3. The "service area" or "study area" of Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative is comprised of all of its exchange areas identified in paragraph 2 for purposes of section 214 of the Act and Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative's designation as eligible telecommunications carrier for the service area.
4. Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative has been designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier under the Act 47 U.S.C. 214 (e) by the North Dakota Public Service Commission by its Order dated December 17, 1997.

Dated this 22nd day of Dec, 1998.

SOURIS RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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SRT Communications, Inc. hereby certifies that:

1. SRT Communications, Inc. is a "rural telephone company" as defined in the Act, 47 U.S.C. 153(37). SRT Communications, Inc. satisfies alternative definition (37) (B), fewer than 50,000 access lines, as detailed in paragraph 2.
2. SRT Communications, Inc. provides telephone exchange service including exchange access in the following exchange areas in North Dakota:

<u>Total Access Lines</u>	<u>Exchange Prefix/Name</u>
32,401	852 Minot
	857 Minot
	858 Minot
	837 Minot
	838 Minot
	839 Minot

The numbers of access lines as listed are taken from the most reliable and recent compilation, the North Dakota Telephone Association 1998-99 Directory of North Dakota Telephone Companies. In the ordinary course of business the numbers of access lines are subject to change. SRT Communications, Inc. does not provide service to 50,000 or more access lines.

3. The "service area" or "study area" of SRT Communications, Inc. is comprised of all of its exchange areas identified in paragraph 2 for purposes of section 214 of the Act and SRT Communications, Inc.'s designation as eligible telecommunications carrier for the service area.
4. SRT Communications, Inc. has been designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier under the Act 47 U.S.C. 214 (e) by the North Dakota Public Service Commission by its Order dated December 17, 1997.

Dated this 22nd day of Dec, 1998.

SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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